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**Office Action Summary**

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Applicant(s)

GOETZINGER ET AL.

Examiner

Binh Q. Nguyen

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11/01/2001.  
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.  
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-33 is/are pending in the application.  
4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.  
5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.  
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 9, 13, 15 and 18-33 is/are rejected.  
7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-8, 10-12, 14, and 16-17 is/are objected to.  
8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.  
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).  
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:  
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 11/01/01, 03/29/02.  
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.  
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)  
6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112*

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

**Claims 1-8, and 23-33** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

- a. Claims 1, and 23-33 have the limitation " *...which weighted fair queuing ...* ".

There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in that claims. Examiner suggests changing this term to " *...which a weighted fair queuing ...* ".

- b. Claims 28-33 have the limitation " *...having computer program code adapted to: ...* ". The term "*adapted*" is not clear, therefore those steps after that term will not be considered. Examiner suggests changing that term to " *...having computer program code executed steps: ...* ".

Appropriate correction is required.

- c. Claims 1, and 23-27 provide for the use of "*a scheduler for a network processor...*" but, since the claim does not set forth any steps involved in the method/process, it is unclear what method/process applicant is intending to encompass. A claim is indefinite where it merely recites a use without any active, positive steps delimiting how this use is actually practiced. It is not clear if claims 1, and 23-27 are apparatus or a method based on the language, making the claims indefinite.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101***

2. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

**Claims 9-27** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. The claims recited; “ *adjusting the scaling factor  $SF$  based on the result of the comparing step (claim 9), or incrementing a counter if the comparing step determines that  $D > R$ ; and increasing  $SF$  if the incremented counter exceeds a threshold (claim 13), or incrementing a counter if the comparing step determines that  $D < R/2$ ; and decreasing  $SF$  if the incremented counter exceeds a threshold (claim 15), ...* ” which are directed data gathering and sequence of mathematical operations without being limited to a practical application.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

3. **Claims 2-8, 10-12, 14, and 16-17** are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewrite in independent form including all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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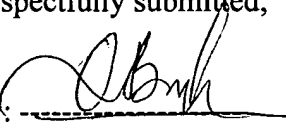
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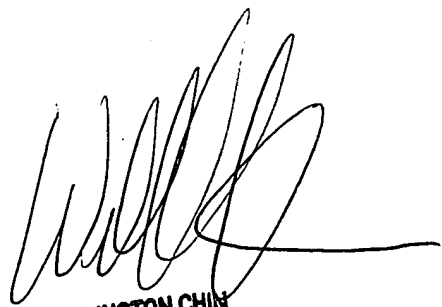
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Binh Q. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-8563. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F: 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wellington Chin can be reached on 571-272-3134. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Respectfully submitted,

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